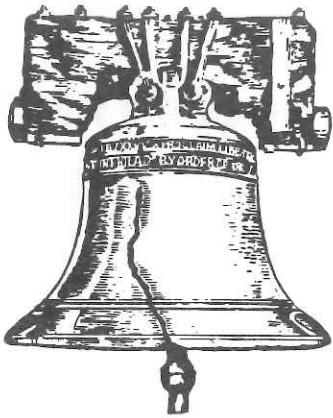


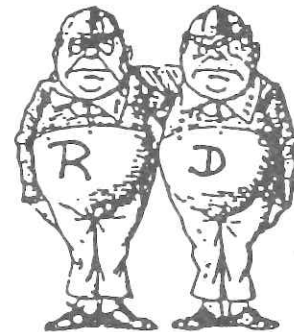
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Fed Up with the Republicans? Had It with the Democrats?



You are not alone! Millions of Americans - including many of your neighbors - are switching to the Libertarian Party this year. The Libertarian Party stands for the American ideals of liberty, tolerance, responsibility, and voluntary solutions to problems.

For too long, the Republicans and Democrats (the More Government Party) have made our lives miserable. They believe that government has the right to interfere in the personal and economic affairs of peaceful persons. They see nothing wrong with the government seizing your property, regulating your business, restricting your personal freedom, or sending American troops all over the globe. Elected officials are acting like public masters, rather than the public servants they are supposed to be. Under the More Government Party, the government is out of control.

Fortunately, the Libertarian Party provides a common-sense alternative. We stand for less government, period. Government's only proper function is to assist us in defending our rights. As long as people are peaceful and respect the rights of others, the government should leave them alone.

Sure, the More Government Party can out-tax, out-spend, and even out-vote us for awhile, but their ideas simply do not work. Individual liberty does work. We know that a free society is both possible and practical, and we are committed to work for liberty for as long as it takes to achieve it.

Your vote can make a difference - when you use it to tell the politicians what you think is right. The Libertarian Party is the only political party that is standing up for you and your rights.

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Ron Paul Speaks Out

THE INCOME TAX



Dr. Ron Paul

Before the imposition of the income tax in 1913, the United States had an active economy, a strong national defense, balanced budgets, and international respect. As citizens, we had privacy and freedom in our personal and financial affairs. But all of this was compromised when the Sixteenth Amendment thrust the sticky fingers of the federal government into our pockets and into our lives.

Americans are now accountable to the government for everything they acquire. Wages are owned first by the federal government and then - what's left - by the wage earner. The latest tax reform, contrary to government disinformation, has brought us more complexity, more anxiety, and more taxes. Our Founding Fathers would not approve.

I.R.S. agents oppress the people and eat out their substance. They have the license to confiscate your wealth, seize your bank accounts, and force you to incriminate yourself without due process of law.

Other presidential candidates are not calling for slashing the size of government, but for stricter enforcement of "voluntary compliance" (an oxymoron invented by politicians). But these are leaders we can do without. No one endorsing I.R.S. hooliganism and outright disregard for the Constitution should be elected president of a nation that values freedom.

Is there a need for an income tax? Only if we perpetuate the American Empire abroad and welfarism at home. Withdrawing our troops from foreign countries, ending foreign aid, ceasing all grants to corporations, and abolishing social transfer payments is the only way to balance the budget. The income tax extracts about 40% of the government's revenues. If we cut the budget 40%, we would be able to abolish the I.R.S.

A government held to the constitutional duty of protecting our lives, liberties, and property can be financed without the insidious income tax. The sooner we abolish it, the quicker we'll regain our freedom and prosperity.

The above article is a condensation of Ron Paul's position paper on the income tax combined with excerpts from his campaign brochure.

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ARE 40% OF AMERICANS REALLY LIBERTARIANS?

The Advocates for Self-Government, a libertarian educational organization, gave a political quiz to delegates outside the Democratic convention in Atlanta this summer. Using a standardized questionnaire, the delegates first identified the political views of Dukakis and Jackson and then located their candidate's position on the Nolan Chart. The Nolan Chart is a comprehensive political map that has four areas: libertarian, liberal, conservative, and authoritarian (socialist, communist, and fascist).

The delegates then scored themselves by the same method. The results were surprising. Even though many delegates were ardent supporters of Dukakis and Jackson, there was a wide gulf between their own positions and the positions of their candidates.

About 75% of the delegates placed their candidate in either the liberal or the authoritarian position on the Nolan Chart, but only 12% placed themselves in those areas. Almost 40% of the delegates scored themselves as libertarians!

The survey was a real eye-opener for some of the delegates. It suggests that there may be a lot more libertarians around than anyone has guessed. Imagine what would happen if all of these libertarians would vote for Libertarian candidates!

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Deceived by the campaign against drugs

by Walter E. Williams

Alcohol, prostitution, gambling, and drug usage are human frailties that have plagued man since Biblical times. Wars, crackdowns and campaigns against these frailties are being waged somewhere in the world at all times. We've had our anti-drug, alcohol, gambling and prostitution laws and campaigns and as a result, failure of the first magnitude. Now we're led to believe that with just a little more social commitment and money the Reagan administration, or at the very latest, the Dukakis or Bush administration, will succeed in doing what mankind has failed to do. If campaign talk makes us feel better, that's one thing, but let's not be deceived.

Drug usage is a serious problem. Its attendant activities — burglary, murder, political corruption, and the loss of productive individuals — exact a high price on all of us. For that reason, we must be cautious about panaceas offered by political charlatans and assorted hustlers seeking our votes and our money.

I would discourage anybody contemplating drug usage simply because I care about people and don't want them doing something that has a high probability of destroying their productivity, their morals, and

their lives. Beyond persuasion I am not quite sure as to the appropriate course of action. This doubt doesn't stem from reservations about the well-documented dangers of drug usage; it stems from my training as an economist.

When an economist is told about a benefit, he'll always ask: What's the cost and the probability of success? Drug trafficking and usage can be virtually eliminated. This is a benefit. We could so as the Chinese communists do: arrest, convict, and summarily execute drug dealers. But the cost — a police state — would probably be offensive to most Americans.

What about making drugs more difficult to obtain through military interdiction (by the way I'm glad the liberals have finally found a use for the military)? All the evidence shows that our attempts at interdiction are a failure, and to the extent they succeed, drug prices are merely driven up. While we might be gleeful about druggies paying higher prices, let's ask about concealed costs.

The average habit costs \$50 to \$100 per day (\$18,000 to \$36,000 a year). Users must either put in a lot of overtime on their jobs, sell to other people, or rob and steal.



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What do you think addicts do as drug prices rise? Work overtime? You've got to be kidding. They try to increase their sales and they rob and steal from more people.

We might ask: How compassionate is it to make a person, set on destroying his own life, destroy other innocent lives in the process? Do we want the addict, facing higher prices, plying his wares in elementary school yards, snatching purses and burglarizing our homes? Of course people on a crusade, blinded by the siren song of benefits, tend to ignore these costs. Moreover, these costs don't show up in the drug fighter's budget. Do I have a solution

for America's drug problem?

The simple answer is: No. While we may not have answers, we're dutybound to carefully examine the trade-offs. In other words, we must carefully examine the costs and benefits of our responses. Our guiding question should be: How can we minimize the drug problem in a way that does the least damage to society, including our constitutional values and protections?

While we're wrestling with that question, we need to revitalize society's institutions — churches, civic clubs, and families — that used to play an effective role in promoting moral values.

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